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SUBJ: MFA AGREES TO INITIAL MULTIPLE ENTRY EXIT

VISA FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL

1. CHIEF PASSPORT/VISA SECTION MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION (KUSTOV) INFORMED CONSOFFS MARCH 1 THAT MFA HAD DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO LONGSTANDING US REQUEST THAT SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON BE AUTHORIZED ISSUE ONE YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT VISAS TO PROSPECTIVE US EMBASSY AND CONSULATE STAFF MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS PROCEEDING TO POSTS. HERETOFORE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS ISSUED VISAS VALID FOR ONLY ONE ENTRY AND ONE MONTH TO USG EMPLOYEES PROCEEDING ON PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO USSR, ALTHOUGH SOVIET EMPLOYEES BOUND FOR US RECEIVE MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS.

2. COMMENT. CONSOFFS TOLD KUSTOV THEY WELCOMED THIS MODEST ADVANCE IN SOVIET VISA POLICY VIS A VIS US. KUSTOV SAID HE WAS REPLYING TO EMBASSY NOTE OF JANUARY 1973 IN FACT IT APPEARS HE IS RESPONDING TO EMBASSY NOTE 13 OF JANUARY 11, 1972. KUSTOV SAID IN PASSING THAT MFA EXPECTED THAT USG EMBASSY AND CONSULATE STAFF MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE REGISTERED WITHIN WEEK OF THEIR ARRIVAL AT RESPECTIVE POSTS.

3. FORMAL SOVIET REPLY, WHICH KUSTOV INDICATED WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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FORTHCOMING SOON, WILL BE POUCHED EUR/SOV. EMBASSY WOULD

APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHEN SOVIET EMBASSY BEGINS
ISSUING INITIAL MULTIPLE ENTRY EXIT VISAS TO AMERICAN
PERSONNEL PROCEEDING TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.
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